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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. : 09/638,647 Group Art Unit: 1632
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For : TRANSGENIC MICE OVER-EXPRESSING ABAD AND
MUTANT APP IN BRAIN AS MODEL OF ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE AND USES THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted, along with the RCE enclosed herewith, in order to address the objections and rejections raised in the May 23, 2003 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. The fee for filing an RCE is \$375.00, and a check for that amount is enclosed herewith. A response to the May 23, 2003 Final Office Action was due on August 23, 2003. Because August 23, 2003 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next business day, i.e. Monday, August 25, 2003, is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment and RCE, submitted in lieu of a response to the May 23, 2003 Final Office, are being timely filed.

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